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Proposed strategic framework for the biennium 2006-2007

Note by the Secretary-General

1. The Commission for Social Development has before it for its consideration a note by the Secretary-General on the preparation of the strategic framework for the period 2006-2007. In this connection, attention is drawn to General Assembly resolution 58/269, in which it requested the Secretary-General to prepare, for submission to the Assembly at its fifty-ninth session, a strategic framework for the biennium 2006-2007, which would replace the current four-year medium-term plan.

2. The attention of the Commission is drawn to rule 104.6 of the Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation:

> "Rule 104.6: The Secretary-General shall take appropriate measures to submit proposals to the sectoral, functional and regional bodies to enable them to review the relevant portions of the medium-term plan or its revisions with a view to facilitating their consideration by the Committee for Programme and Coordination and the General Assembly."

3. The Commission is invited to review the proposed biennial programme plan for social policy and development contained in the annex to the present note and to provide its comments to the Secretary-General. The proposed biennial programme plan, modified as appropriate, will be first submitted to the Committee for Programme and Coordination at its forty-fourth session. Its recommendations will be transmitted to the General Assembly at its fifty-ninth session when it considers the proposed strategic framework for the biennium 2006-2007.

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Annex

Strategic framework for the biennium 2006-2007

Programme 7
Economic and social affairs

Subprogramme 7.3
Social policy and development

Objective

To strengthen international cooperation for social development with particular attention to poverty eradication, employment generation and social integration, especially with due regard to issues relating to older persons, persons with disabilities, family, youth, persons in situations of conflict and indigenous peoples.

Strategy

The Division for Social Policy and Development is responsible for the subprogramme. The strategy will include: promoting greater awareness and supporting implementation of the mandates contained in the outcome documents of the major United Nations conferences, especially the World Summit on Social Development, the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly and the Millennium Summit, the mandates and recommendations of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues and the major international action plans, in particular the International Plan of Action on Ageing, as well as other programmes of action, notably on disabled persons and youth, with emphasis on greater integration of social and economic concerns and objectives in policy-making; advocating and promoting understanding and support of emerging issues in social development through research, analysis and reporting on policy options in close collaboration and coordination with other United Nations entities to achieve social development in order to present evidence-based policy recommendations to Member States; providing technical advisory services at the regional and national levels through training and capacity-building; and providing support to non-governmental organizations and other actors of civil society.

Expected accomplishments	*Indicators of achievement*
International debate and agreements facilitated on major social development issues on the agenda of the United Nations intergovernmental process	Percentage of recommendations proposed by the Division used in the formulation of resolutions, decisions and agreed conclusions
Improved capacity of Member States to develop and implement effective social programmes and policies, in particular on issues related to older persons, persons with disabilities, family, youth and persons in situations of conflict	Increased number of national personnel trained to promote participatory and inclusive social policies at the national and community levels

Expected accomplishments	*Indicators of achievement*
Enhanced dialogue and better understanding on social development issues among the various governmental and non-governmental actors	Increase in the number of visits to and downloads from the web site of the Division for Social Policy and Development
	Increased number of multi-stakeholder events on issues relating to social development